

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-16 and 20-26 are pending in this application. Claims 3 and 17-19 have been canceled. Claims 22-26 are new.

Applicants herewith submit new independent claims 22-26, which are directed to the following subject matter.

New independent claim 22 is a combination of original claim 1 and dependent claim 6. Since the Office Action of January 16, 2009 (hereafter "Office Action") stated that claim 6 is directed to allowable subject matter, claim 22 is in condition for allowance.

New independent claim 23 is a combination of original claims 1 and 8, including intervening claim 7. Since claim 8 was indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter as it is dependent from claims 7 and 1, claim 23, which includes the subject matter of claims 7 and 8, is allowable.

New independent claim 24 is a combination of original claims 1 and 9, including intervening claims 7 and 8. Since the Office Action stated that claim 9 is directed to allowable subject matter, new claim 24 is allowable.

New independent claim 25 is a combination of original claims 1 and 10. Since the Office Action stated that claim 10 is directed to allowable subject matter, claim 25 is allowable.

New claim 26 is a combination of original claims 1 and 14. Since the Office Action stated that claim 14 is directed to allowable subject matter, new claim 26 is allowable.


Since previously pending claims 1, 2, 4-16, 20 and 21 are allowable for the reasons set forth in the Amendment dated July 16, 2009, and filed in the U.S. Patent Office on July 20, 2009, and new claims 22-26 are also directed to allowable subject matter for the reasons stated above, all pending claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a formal notification to that effect at an early date is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-4730 (direct dial).

Respectfully submitted,


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